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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

BRITISH AIRWAYS PLC and
VIRGIN ATLANTIC AIRWAYS LIMITED

v.

: Docket OST-2000-7285 - 2

THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK
AND NEW JERSEY and
NEWARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

SCHEDULING NOTICE

On April 24, 2000, British Airways PLC and Virgin Atlantic Airways Limited filed a complaint, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 47129, with the Department of Transportation against the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and Newark International Airport. The complaint alleges that the increases in the federal inspection space charge and general terminal charge at Terminal B at Newark International Airport (EWR) are unreasonable and otherwise unlawful under 49 U.S.C. 47129, Resolution of airport-air carrier disputes concerning airport fees.

As set forth in the complaint, the increases in the fees became effective on March 1.

Section 47129 prescribes very short deadlines for determining the time by which we should either dismiss the complaint if no significant dispute exists or set the complaint for hearing before an administrative law judge, and the times for the issuance of decisions by the administrative law judge and by us. 49 U.S.C. 47129(c). Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 47129 and Subpart F of the Department's Rules of Practice, 14 C.F.R. Part 302 (revised 65 Fed. Reg. 6446, 6479, February 9, 2000 and by Order OST-97-2090), we give notice to the parties in this proceeding and all other interested persons of the following procedural dates that will govern filings in this proceeding. In order to process the complaint in an orderly and timely manner we are also directing all parties that are interested in participating or intervening in this proceeding to file such a petition or request directly with the Department.

Complaints by other carriers:	May 1, 2000
Answer to the complaint(s):	May 8, 2000
Petitions to participate or intervene pursuant to 14 C.F.R. 302.19 & 302.20:	May 8, 2000
Reply to the Answer:	May 10, 2000
Filing of letter of credit, surety bond, or suitable credit facility by respondent as required by 49 U.S.C. 47129(d)(1)(D), if applicable:	May 15, 2000
Department determination as to whether a significant dispute exists pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 47129(c)(2):	May 24, 2000

Any airline considering filing its own separate complaint must comply with the 60-day deadline set by the statute, 49 U.S.C. 47129(a)(1)(B), as stated in our procedural rules, 14 C.F.R. 302.602(b), that is on or before the sixtieth day after the carrier received written notice of the imposition of the increase in the fees at Newark International Airport. If the sixtieth day is earlier than May 1, then the airline must file by the earlier deadline.

By:

A. BRADLEY MIMS
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aviation
and International Affairs

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Dated: April 25, 2000

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